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FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

This is a national phase filing of International Application No. PCT/FI2005/050044, filed February 22, 2005.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant submits information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. with C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98.

A copy of the International Search Report dated June 27, 2005, is submitted herewith. Applicant also provides copies of the four (4) publications cited in the International Search Report.

It will be noted that the cited publication of the International Search Report were placed in "A" category as "defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance". Swedish patent application No. 454,758 also is discussed at page 2 of the Applicant's specification.

Applicant additionally provides a copy of International Publication No. WO/03/106125 that is discussed at pages 1 and 4 of Applicant's specification.


A copy of the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority dated June 27, 2005 where the claims were focused to satisfy the criteria for novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability is provided.

For the convenience of the Examiner, a form PTO-1449 is attached. It is requested that the Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned once the above items are considered.

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NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.

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